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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
THROUGH : Deputy Director (Research)  
SUBJECT : Imminent Appearance of Secretary of  
the Air Force Zuckert and Dr. Joseph  
Charyk before the McClelland Committee

1. This memorandum is for your information only.
2. On 19 July at 1635 hours ██████████, my Security Officer, received a telephone call from Mr. Lou Meyer, who formerly was the Comptroller of the NRO and presently is the Comptroller of the Communications Satellite Corporation.
3. Mr. Meyer stated that Secretary of the Air Force Zuckert and Dr. Charyk have been invited to appear before the McClelland Committee incidental to the current TFX inquiry. No firm date has been set for their appearance; however, it is expected that they will follow the appearance of the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Fred Korth.
4. In preparation for their appearance, according to Mr. Meyer, Secretary of the Air Force and Mr. Charyk have prepared proposed responses to anticipated questions. In this regard Mr. Meyer stated that the answers they proposed to give with regard to past experience in the use of titanium in aircraft are, in his opinion, untrue; and, therefore, the Secretary and Mr. Charyk, if they did respond in such fashion, would be committing perjury before the Senate Committee.
5. Mr. Meyer inquired as to whether their security clearance would afford them immunity in this regard. He

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was informed that the initial reaction of this Office would be that a security clearance would not afford such immunity; however, the opinions and guidance of the Office of General Counsel and Director of Security would be solicited. Mr. Meyer was further informed that undoubtedly the Director of Central Intelligence would have an interest in this matter.

6. Mr. Meyer requested that no official action be taken by this Agency until he had the opportunity to coordinate with Secretary Zuckert on the West Coast. He requested that the matter be treated in a confidential manner and that no action be taken until he had the opportunity to call back on 22 July.

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7. On 22 July Mr. Meyer telephonically contacted Mr. ██████████ of my Security Staff and informed him that no problem existed. He stated that he has worked on revisions of statements to be made by Secretary Zuckert and Dr. Charyk which would be worded in such a way that the question of perjury would not arise. He further advised that he is convinced now that no problem in this regard will arise during the hearings, and he does not anticipate that sensitive questions will be asked with regard to the use of titanium. He stated, therefore, that no assistance from this Agency is being requested at least at this time. However, if the situation should arise during testimony in which sensitive areas are being explored, a recess will be requested at which time our guidance and advice will be solicited.

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